



West Grove United Methodist Church

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The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor
300 North Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390

GAME OF JUDGES

THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY:
AN HONEST LOOK AT ISRAEL'S JUDGES

**“WINTER IS COMING:
WHAT PROMISES DID YOU MAKE,
JEPHTHAH?”**

***Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
Sunday, September 22, 2019***

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

OPEN

Prelude

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

Please fill out the Friendship Folder on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.

First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!

***Processional Hymn** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” UMH No. 127

***Call to Worship** (Inspired by Psalm 105:1-3) Margee Michaels

One: Come as you are, to worship. Alleluia! Give thanks to Yahweh!

Many: Praise God’s name and make know God’s deeds to the nations!

One: Sing to God! Sing praise and tell of all God’s wonderful works.

Many: Glory in God’s holy name; let the hearts that seek Yahweh rejoice!

***Opening Prayer** Margee Michaels

**Holy Redeemer, we gather to sing songs of praise,
to give you thanks, to proclaim your greatness,
to seek your face, and to celebrate your faithful presence with us.**

May the Holy Spirit guide and inspire our worship.

Fill our mouths with your praise, open our ears to hear your word,

let our eyes see you at work among us,

open our hearts to receive your love, we pray, Amen.

***Passing of the Peace** Margee Michaels

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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Moment for All Ages Eileen Bushnell

Old Testament Lesson *Judges 11:29-40* Margee Michaels

***Gospel Lesson** *Matthew 5:33-37* Margee Michaels

***Response to the Lesson** Margee Michaels

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem “The Song That We Sing” Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #10 for Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #10. Children ages birth to 3 are welcome to attend the nursery in room #15 to participate in a story and guided activities.

Sermon

*"Winter is Coming:
What promises did you make, Jephthah?"*

Pastor Monica

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***Hymn of Response**

"Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

UMH No. 402, Vv. 1,3,4

Moment of Impact

"All Saints" Movie

Pam Howard

Offering

***Offertory Response**

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH No. 95

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Offertory Prayer** (Written by Rev. Dr. Ken Sloane)

Pastor Jim

Mighty Creator, you are the architect of the cosmos and of the tiniest flower. All of creation is a tapestry proclaiming your love and mercy, and yet your heart feels every loss we experience; you cry at every word that wounds one of your precious children. We bring gifts to you this morning, not as restitution for past mercies or prepayment for future favor, but as a celebration of your love and care for us and all creation. Dedicate these gifts that they might bring love and compassion, that they might help heal your creation, and help us more resemble the people you desire us to be. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

Gathered Prayer

Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jim

***Hymn of Sending Forth**

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

UMH No. 396, Vv.1, 2, 4

***Benediction**

Pastor Monica

***Choral Benediction**

"Prayer of Blessing"

Chancel Choir

***Postlude**

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Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are in
Celebration of Kim Smith's Birthday!
With love from her friends

Old Testament Lesson: Judges 11:29-40 (CEB)

Then the LORD's spirit came on Jephthah. He passed through Gilead and Manasseh, then through Mizpah in Gilead, and from there he crossed over to the Ammonites. Jephthah made a solemn promise to the LORD: "If you will decisively hand over the Ammonites to me, then whatever comes out the doors of my house to meet me when I return victorious from the Ammonites will be given over to the LORD. I will sacrifice it as an entirely burned offering." Jephthah crossed over to fight the Ammonites, and the LORD handed them over to him. It was an exceptionally great defeat; he defeated twenty towns from Aroer to the area of Minnith, and on as far as Abel-keramim. So the Ammonites were brought down before the Israelites.

But when Jephthah came to his house in Mizpah, it was his daughter who came out to meet him with tambourines and dancing! She was an only child; he had no other son or daughter except her. When he saw her, he tore his clothes and said, "Oh no! My daughter! You have brought me to my knees!

You are my agony! For I opened my mouth to the LORD, and I can't take it back."

But she replied to him, "My father, you've opened your mouth to the LORD, so you should do to me just what you've promised. After all, the LORD has carried out just punishment for you on your enemies the Ammonites." Then she said to her father, "Let this one thing be done for me: hold off for two months and let me and my friends wander the hills in sadness, crying over the fact that I never had children."

"Go," he responded, and he sent her away for two months. She and her friends walked on the hills and cried because she would never have children.

When two months had passed, she returned to her father, and he did to her what he had promised. She had not known a man intimately. But she gave rise to a tradition in Israel where for four days every year Israelite daughters would go away to recount the story of the Gileadite Jephthah's daughter.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:33-37

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one.

OPEN ~ GROW ~ SERVE

At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in His name.

Welcome, one and all! We are glad you are here—a place where faith, hope and love abide! We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: www.westgroveumc.org

Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.



Our Assisted Listening system is available to all who could benefit from additional amplification or assistance. Please see our soundboard operators for questions or to use a unit. We would like for you to hear!



FIFTH SUNDAY COIN COLLECTION, next Sunday, September 29th. Bring in the coins and dollars you have been collecting to support A Very Luther House Christmas. It is a cookie baking, craft making project to provide Christmas cheer to the residents of the Luther Houses.

NEW, SHORT-TERM CLASS - SUNDAYS FROM OCTOBER 6 TO NOVEMBER 3, 9:45 - 10:45 A.M. IN ROOM #5. The Life and Times of John Wesley. As the United Methodist Church goes through a period of controversy and confusion over our identity as a denomination, it is important that we remember the roots from which we have sprung. John Wesley, the originator of the Methodist Movement, lived in a tumultuous time in English history and also went through many personal crises in his lifetime. Thankfully, we have his Journal to illuminate his spiritual battles and the development of his deep personal faith. This course will inspire you in your own growth as a Christian, and will give you pride in our Methodist heritage. The course will be taught by Dr. David Frame, retired United Methodist pastor, and is open to anyone who would like to attend.

LADIES SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS: Come join us in the Library as we study Tish Harrison Warren's book, *Liturgy of the Ordinary*. We began meeting on Sunday, September 8 at 9:45 A.M. during the Sunday School hour. It is not too late and you are still welcome to join us! You can purchase the book from Amazon. We look forward to seeing you! Questions – call Carol Whelan at 484-868-4961

LASER TAG & ARCADE AT MAIN EVENT: SEPTEMBER 29, 6:00-9:00 P.M Students grades 7-12 are invited to join us for a night of fun at Main Event in Newark, DE. We will be meeting at the church and driving together, if there any adults or parents who are able to help drive/chaperone please contact Melanie at childyouthdirector@westgroveumc.org! Save the date and invite a friend!

HEBREWS BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Jim Mundell, Fridays at 10:30 AM in the Alison Theater, Jenner's Pond, began September 6. We are studying the Book of Hebrews in the New Testament, but will look at Old Testament themes of sacrifice, forgiveness and the office of the High Priest. This study is a lens that will focus our attention on Jesus Christ – who He is in His humanity and in His divinity. Come and join us as we look at these 13 chapters of Hebrews to help strengthen our faith.

UMW FAITH CIRCLE ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20. The Faith Circle returns after a refreshing summer break! We will meet on **FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 20 - 9:30 in Youth Room - followed by lunch.** Plan to continue working on walker bag projects and more. NEW folks are welcome... Extensive sewing skills are **not** necessary. For information - contact Chris Curtiss, 610-345-0374

FAMILY PROMISE, October 21-28. If you are willing to serve in this ministry to help homeless families, sign-up sheets will be available in the lobby. You could donate food, offer to be an overnight chaperone (private sleeping accommodations), help to serve the meal, clean-up, act as a host. There are many opportunities to serve. Contact Joan Leaman for details at jmleaman@comcast.net.

THIS WEEK: September 22 through September 29, 2019

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship w/PraiseWorks Band
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship w/ Chancel Choir
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	Youth Group (#8, 10)
Monday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	Knit Wits (#1)
	9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.	E.A.T. Volunteers Meeting (#2)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SOS Ladies (#5)
	6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)
	6:45 p.m.-8:30 p.m.	UMM Meeting—Pomeroy UMC
Tuesday:	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool—Extended (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.	Missions Meeting (#1)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	SPRC Meeting (#2)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Troop #41366 (#8 & 10)
	6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	GS Troop #498 (#12)
Wednesday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Chapel Time (Sanc.)
	12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m.	CMO Soccer Shots (Church side lawn)
	2:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.	Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)
	6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	GS Leaders Meeting (#8, 10)
	7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
Thursday:	9:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.	CMO Preschool—Extended (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	9:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	Chapel Time (Sanc.)
	11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	Music Practice (#6)
	4:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.	Food Pantry (Kitchen, Lobby)
	5:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.	GS Troop #49900 (#12)
	5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.	GS Troop #4251 (#8 & 10)
	6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Mission Link (#1)
	6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (#6)
	7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	BS Troop #12 (#3, 4, 5)
	7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	PraiseWorks Rehearsal (Sanc.)
Friday:	9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	CMO Preschool (9, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16)
	10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.	Hebrews Bible Study (Alison Theater, Jenner's Pond)
	6:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	MOVIE NIGHT- "All Saints" (Sanc.)
Saturday:	10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.	Daily Reflections Group (#8 & 10)

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Fifth Sunday Coin Collection to benefit A Very Luther House Christmas

Sunday:	8:30 a.m.	Contemporary Worship w/PraiseWorks Band
	9:45 a.m.	Sunday School and Faith Learning Academy
	11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship w/ Chancel Choir
	12:00 p.m.	Counters (#2)
	12:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.	Disciple Bible Study (Room #5)
	3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	GS Troop #41403 (#8, 10)
	6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Youth Group Laster Tag @ Main Event in Newark

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

NEED PRAYER?

To be added to the Prayer Chain: Weekdays, contact Donna Fackler at office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334. Evenings and weekends, email prayer@westgroveumc.org. **Prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for four Sundays.** Please contact Donna, if you need the request extended. *If you do not want your name listed in the bulletin, please state that in your request.*

Community Prayer Focus for September: Ad Council Mission Prayer Focus for September: Children's Morning Out

Darlene Alleger (Guepet)
Glenn Allen (Mundell)
Helen Carlin
Joann Coates
Nancy Covington
Dee Crawford
Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)
Bill Fili (Bratton)
Mary Finn (Mullen)
Mike Haley
Ellen Hayes
Pat Heist
Bob Herb (Shiplet)
Linda Herb (Shiplet)
Muff Hurst
Sandy Kates (B. Smith)
Peg Kent
Dave McClain



Margee Michaels
Peggy Mowrer
Tim Mullen
Betty Mundell
Lola Nadolny (Hruz)
Michael Raineri
Vernon Ramberger
Wayne Reisler (Shiplet)
Rick Renzulli McGinley
Joan Smead (Wolff)
Rick Spencer (Kim Smith)
Jeannie Sullivan
Mary Tharp (RAP)
Tommy Lake (Simmons)
Bruce Varney (Shiplet)
Mary Weidman (Miller)
Gisela Winkler (Mullen)



Tyler Brady—Middle East
(Minnick)
Daniel Engberg—Iraq (Hruz)
Nathaniel Howard,
North Carolina
Brian Kubo—Washington
(Mullen)
LTC Eric Maxwell,
Chesapeake, VA
(The Rambergers)
Dalton Wolfe-U.S. Marine
Corps
Chris Weidman—Japan
(Miller)
Drew Zumpino—South Korea
(Beauchamp)

SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

This Sunday, September 22

Ushers—8:30	Tim & Eileen Bushnell
Greeters—8:30	TBD
Ushers—11:00	Carol & Jeff Whelan
Greeters—11:00	Esther Culbertson
Acolyte 8:30	Wesley Boyd
Acolyte 11:00	Abby Herman
Nursery 8:30/9:45/11	A. Castaldi/E. Mullen/TBD
C. Worship—8:30/11	Tiffany Bohnsack/TBD
Lay Reader—8:30	David Bohnsack
Liturgist—11:00	Margee Michaels
Moment All Ages	Eileen Bushnell
Roamers	Amy Castaldi
Hospitality 8:30	Dick & Caryl Stuhrke
Hospitality 11:00	Linda Peirson
Counters	Alison Aucott and Janice Bowers
Sound Booth	K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

Next Sunday, September 29

Nancy Simmons
TBD
Ed Tolmie and Jean Kilmartin
Esther Culbertson
Brady Castaldi
Alisabeth Guepet
C. Bruno / C. Bratton / J. Leaman
TBD/TBD
Carolyn Barrett
Peter Mullen
Melanie Hartley
Joan Leaman
John Gambill
Don Hurst & Linda Peirson
Janice Bowers
K. Schneider, M. Duvall & Others

Fifth Sunday Coin Collection September 29th A Very Luther House Christmas!



Next Sunday, we will dedicate our Fifth Sunday Coin Collection to the project first initiated last year. The Missions team and other volunteers gathered for cookie baking and craft making. Over 200 gifts were distributed to the tenants at the Luther Houses bringing Christmas joy to all of them! It is a wonderful outreach to our senior neighbors!



RAP and FRIENDS are traveling by DuVall Bus to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre on October 2nd for "Will Rogers Follies"

The bus will be at WGUMC at 10 a.m., will leave at 10:15 a.m., and will return about 5 p.m. The Meal Buffet begins at 11:45 a.m. The Show begins at 1:15 p.m. and ends at 3:35 p.m. The bus will return to WGUMC about 5 p.m. \$70 includes bus transportation, driver tip, meal, show, all taxes and gratuities. There are a few reservations available for sale. **All reservations must be confirmed on Monday morning by 10 am, September 16th.** Please contact Sara Ann Ramberger for reservations before Monday. Phone: 610-869-3863 Email: sar57ver@verizon.net



Ronald McDonald House Dinner for Families

On Sunday, October 6,

our church is honored to prepare the meal for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in Delaware. We need approximately 8 volunteers. You can carpool to Delaware arriving at 2:30 p.m. where you will cook and serve a buffet style meal to the families who are staying there due to an illness. Things are done by 6pm and you can return home knowing you gave a hand to someone in need.

Contact Janice Bowers at 610-444-8470 or email her at janicesemail2@gmail.com with questions or your interest in volunteering!

**Save the date
for Trunk or
Treat!
Sunday,
October 27th,
3 to 5 p.m.**



**You're invited to a festive,
FREE, family event!!
Look for details. We will
also need donations & help!**



SAVE THE DATE!
Movie Night at West Grove
UMC
"All Saints" (PG)
On the BIG SCREEN
Friday, September 27, at
6:30 pm.

This event is **totally FREE** and refreshments will be offered. Bring your family and friends!

All Saints is based on the inspiring true story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock (John Corbett), the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all.

The big screen viewing is at West Grove United Methodist Church, 300 N. Guernsey Road, West Grove, 610-869-9334, www.westgroveumc.org
We hope to see you there!

***God's Faithfulness ~
Your Stewardship***

*It is your tithes, offerings, and gifts
that impact and change lives for
Christ!*

Report September 15, 2019

*Combined Worship Attendance: 137
General Offering : \$ 4,625
Building Maintenance Fund: \$215.00
Emergency Groceries YTD: 215 bags
Emergency Aid provided YTD: \$ 1,406.50*

MOMENT OF IMPACT

"All Saints" Movie

Join us on Friday, September 27th at 6:30 pm for the movie, *All Saints*, on the big screen. *All Saints* is based on the inspiring true story of salesman-turned-pastor Michael Spurlock (John Corbett), the tiny church he was ordered to shut down, and a group of refugees from Southeast Asia. Together, they risked everything to plant seeds for a future that might just save them all. Invite your friends for this feelgood movie and good treats!



Children's Consignment Sale

Fall/Winter Children's clothes, shoes, coats, toys, baby items and equipment.

Friday, October 18th ~ 9am - 4:00pm

Saturday, October 19th ~ 9am - 12:00 pm

West Grove United Methodist Church Children's Morning Out and Preschool will be holding its annual Children's Consignment Sale.

This is a great chance to buy quality used children's items that you need at great prices!

If you are interested in consigning, you can pick up an instruction packet at the church, M-F, 7:30 am-4 pm. For additional details, please call the Tracy McLaughlin at 610-869-9334 or email her at tracy.mclaughlin@westgoveumc.org Thank you!

Fall Rummage Sale

Friday, October 4th, 9 am-2 pm

Saturday, October 5th, 9 am- 12 pm



Donations accepted at the church from Sunday, September 29 through Thursday, October 3

On Saturday, there is a special bargain because you may fill a brown paper grocery sack for only \$3.00!!

Left-over items are donated to Mission Santa Maria. The United Methodist Women who sponsor this sale, use the proceeds to fund various missions in the church and the wider community.

Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, September 22~ Saturday, September 29



Sunday: *“Then Jephthah came to his home at Mizpah; and there was his daughter coming out to meet him with timbrels and with dancing. She was his only child; he had no son or daughter except her.”* Judges 11: 34. Consider that Jephthah’s daughter greeted her father as a whole household welcomes triumphant warriors, like Miriam greeted Moses. Our encouragement to one another is more than words. Your actions might be the only encouragement someone receives today.

Monday: *“When Jephthah saw her, he tore his clothes, and said, “Alas, my daughter! You have brought me very low; you have become the cause of great trouble to me. For I have opened my mouth to the LORD, and I cannot take back my vow.”* Judges 11:35. Jephthah made an oath born out of his own anxiety. He could not see how God’s way would come to be without his help. Pray for discernment and patience to wait for God’s way.

Tuesday: *“And she said to her father, “Let this thing be done for me: Grant me two months, so that I may go and wander on the mountains with my friends, crying over the fact that I never had children.”* Judges 11:37. Where is it that God is inviting you to ask for what you need?

Wednesday: *“At the end of two months, she returned to her father, who did with her according to the vow he had made”* Judges 11:39a. Pray for all those who make vows and take oaths.

Thursday: *“But I say to you, do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God.”* Matthew 5: 34. God invites us into relationship, not needing us to swear allegiance, but rather journeying with us through life’s hills and valleys.

Friday: *“And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black”* Matthew 5: 36. Consider that God does not call you to make deals. God’s love is offered without negotiation.

Saturday: *“Let your word be ‘Yes, yes’ or ‘No, no’; anything more than this comes from the evil one.”* Matthew 5: 37. Pray for clarity in decisions.

8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

OPEN

***Opening Song** "I Will Rise Up" PraiseWorks Band

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities Pastor Monica

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First-time guest or member, let us know you were here.

***Celebration Set** "Reaching For You"
"PEACE" PraiseWorks Band

***Passing of the Peace** PraiseWorks Band

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Moment of Impact "All Saints" Movie Pam Howard

Offering "Defender" PraiseWorks Band

Offertory Prayer (Page 3) Pastor Jim

Gathered Prayer Pastor Jim

The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jim

***Closing Song** "Your Grace Is Enough" PraiseWorks Band

***Benediction** Pastor Monica

***Postlude**

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